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Applicants: K. INOUE, et al.
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
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Examiner: L. Thai

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claim 38 as follows:

38. (Amended) A semiconductor apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said particles are made of a same material as that of said second insulating layer.